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**CORONAVIRUS CASES AT A GLANCE**

<b>1,564</b> WAKE COUNTY CONFIRMED CASES	<b>36</b> WAKE COUNTY DEATHS	<b>30,777</b> NORTH CAROLINA CONFIRMED CASES	<b>969</b> NORTH CAROLINA DEATHS	<b>1.89 M</b> UNITED STATES CONFIRMED CASES	<b>109,000</b> UNITED STATES DEATHS	<b>6.3 M</b> WORLDWIDE CONFIRMED CASES	<b>380,000</b> WORLDWIDE DEATHS
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Statistics as of 06/3/20

## Party on, Wake! Party on, Forest!

*Town leaders say alcohol on downtown sidewalks is a good move*

BY JAY LAMM  
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Three out of five Wake Forest commissioners continued to support downtown area businesses serving malt beverages, wines and mixed drinks outside in a second reading last week — approving the ordinance to allow it.

The majority of the leaders said late last week that allowing drinking on downtown sidewalks is the way to go for better business and patron satisfaction.

The board voted last month the same way, which then required a second reading and second vote before adoption.

With both votes, commissioners Jim Dyer and Chad Sary voted against the liquor ordinance changes.

“I am certainly disappointed in the final vote,” Commissioner Dyer said. “It may bring a few more people downtown Wake Forest, but I doubt it will have a major economic impact. The vote may also stop some families

**HOW THE COMMISSIONERS VOTED**



**STIMPER**  
YEA



**LENNON**  
YEA



**WRIGHT**  
YEA



**DYER**  
NAY



**SARY**  
NAY

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## Protests riots turn more to peace

FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

After several days and nights of protests that involved violence, looting and property damage in the clouds of tear gas and sparks of loose fireworks, North Carolina has settled into mostly peaceful demonstrations that having involved tears, kneeling of police and protesters in solidarity and even a march of union led by Gov. Roy Cooper.

Saturday and Sunday were hard on nearby Raleigh, with demonstrations downtown turning violent. This led to a citywide curfew on Monday that had gone on at least through Wednesday (June 3).

The protests turned riots throughout North Carolina were particularly violent in Fayetteville, Greenville and Charlotte as well. Similar protests have raged throughout the country and world, bringing attention to the inequalities suffered by African-Americans, particularly at the hands of police.

Cooper authorized 450 National Guard members Sunday afternoon to deploy in Charlotte and Raleigh, just hours before protesters marching against and in recognition of the police killing of George Floyd last week knocked down a barrier at the Governor's Mansion in downtown Raleigh, confronting armed police.

Protestors did put the barricade back up and threw paper planes over the wall at the governor's home, reportedly with messages to Cooper about Floyd.

In Raleigh Sunday, green smoke bombs were thrown at police at the mansion's gate as well as water bottles, at which time the police line pushed the protestors away from the mansion, based on television footage shown live. Rounds of tear gas were shot off by police to disperse protesters that night. There were an estimated 1,000 protesters moving in all directions as the tear gas smoke filled the area of Hillsboro and Salisbury streets.

State troopers formed a line of protection at the Capitol building around 9:44 p.m. Protesters chanted in the night among bangs of tear gas and undefined green smoke bombs going off.

"I fear the cry of the people is being

RIOTS | CONT'D ON PAGE 8

## LONE VOICE BUT NOT ALONE

Single protestor brings peaceful national message of unity to Wake Forest



Kevin Jones protests at the intersection of Front and Roosevelt Streets Wednesday. Jones wanted his voice heard about racism and the mistreatment of blacks by law enforcement.

WSJPHOTO | JAY LAMM

BY JAY LAMM  
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Weather forecasts were calling for Wednesday to be the hottest day of the year so far, but it didn't keep Kevin Jones from standing on the sidewalks of Wake Forest to voice his message of concerns of racism and police brutality in the United States against blacks.

"I was going to go to Raleigh last night, but I thought being part of that large crowd, my voice and efforts would have been wasted. Not heard," said Jones.

National protest and riots have hit many cities and towns since the death of George Floyd at the hands of a Minneapolis policeman during Floyd's arrest on March 25.

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## Mayor Jones speaks on death of George Floyd

CONTRIBUTED TO WSJ BY THE TOWN OF WAKE FOREST

Mayor Vivian Jones read the following statement on George Floyd at the conclusion of yesterday's Board of Commissioners Work Session:

"By now, I am sure everyone is aware of the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis.

I know that many of you are angry. I am angry too. And I will not apologize for being angry.

I also have a range of other emotions including sadness, and despair, and even disgust.

My heart aches for Mr. Floyd's family.

Yet at the same time, I am angry and disgusted that a human being lost his life in such a senseless manner. I am also angry that these kinds of deaths continue to happen.

Whenever something like this occurs, we tend to look at our local law enforcement, and question whether something similar could happen here. I understand that — so I want to take a moment to reassure our citizens that we have an outstanding Police Department whose officers serve our community professionally and with compassion.

Our Police Department is committed to hiring, training and keeping only the best officers possible who serve in accordance with their core values — courage, honor and integrity.

There is no question that our society is at a crossroads. It is past time for us to come together.

But moving forward together will require an intentional effort from each and every one of us.

So, I ask you, to please join me. I believe we can make a difference.

In all that we say or do — let's be clear that racism, hatred and bigotry have no place here in our community.

In all the many ways we interact with each other and care for one another — let's demonstrate that every human life has value.

Wake Forest is a wonderful and caring community. Let's be leaders in acceptance, inclusion and equity for all."



JONES

# July Fourth fireworks, festivities cancelled as Wake Forest updates COVID-19 response prior to Phase 2

## FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

July Fourth festivities will be cancelled as the Town of Wake Forest announces it will follow North Carolina's Safer-At-Home Phase 2 Order as outlined by Governor Roy Cooper's Executive Order No. 141 beginning at 5 p.m. today (Friday, May 22). The Safer At Home Phase 2 runs through at least Friday, June 26.

Several Town operations and programs will be adjusted during Phase 2.

### Town Facilities

Starting today (May 22) at 3 p.m., an infectious control team will deploy a suite of hospital-grade, EPA-approved disinfectants to sanitize Town Hall and other Town facilities.

Beginning Wednesday, May 27, Town Hall will re-open to the public on a limited basis weekdays from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Town staff will be screened for temperature daily upon arrival, and anyone with a reading of 100.4 or greater will be required to return home. While at work, staff will have the option to wear face covering. Finally, a deep cleaning will occur throughout Town Hall each day after 3 p.m.

As the Town begins the process of gradually and carefully reopening, anyone planning to visit Town Hall is strongly urged to follow these guidelines:

- Make an appointment, if possible;
- Wear face covering;
- Utilize hand sanitizing stations;
- Maintain a six-foot distance between yourself and others.

Please note: Staff at all Town facilities will retain a daily log of visitors to facilitate contact tracing in the event a COVID-19 outbreak occur.

Wake Forest residents are encouraged to continue using online services when possible to conduct business. The Town's full array of online resources is available through the Customer Service Central (CSC) portal. In addition, residents may continue to drop off utility bill payments, rental deposits and paperwork (leases, letters of credit, copies of photo IDs, etc.) in the drive-up drop box located in Town Hall's Brooks Street parking lot. Town staff will check the drop box twice daily and mail acknowledgements and receipts upon request.

Anyone with questions or concerns is encouraged to call 919-435-9400 or complete the online Contact Us form at <http://bit.ly/TOWFContactUs>, and staff will reply promptly during normal business hours.

### Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources

Wake Forest Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources facilities, including Joyner Park Community Center, Flaherty Park Community Center, Wake Forest Community House and Alston-Massenburg Center, will remain closed to the general public during Phase Two. A limited number of programs will be offered at these facilities, so only registered participants will be allowed to enter.

The Taylor Street Park Sprayground, 416 N. Taylor St., is scheduled to open for the season in June, but with

restrictions in place to keep visitors safe. For example, the facility will be limited to 50 percent occupancy and visitors will be required to adhere to social distancing guidelines. An official opening date will be announced in the coming days.

No decision has been made concerning the opening of Holding Park Aquatic Center, 133 W. Owen Ave. Updates will be provided as they become available.

### In other PRCR news:

■ All greenways, parks, tennis and outdoor pickleball courts, and park bathrooms remain open;

■ Beginning Saturday, May 23, at 8 a.m., all picnic shelters, outdoor basketball courts and batting cages will re-open, but no more than 25 people will be allowed to assemble;

■ Playgrounds and baseball/softball fields remain closed and water fountains turned off.

### Solid Waste

Bulk waste collection will resume Tuesday, June 2. To schedule a bulk pick-up, complete the online bulk waste pick-up request form at <http://bit.ly/WFBulkPickupForm> by 2 p.m. Monday, June 1.

Residents without internet service can schedule their pick-up by calling 919-435-9570 by 2 p.m. June 1. Residents who call after hours may leave a voicemail message. All voicemail requests for bulk pick-up service must include the resident's name, physical address, and telephone number, along with a description of the bulk waste items to be collected. Any service request that does not include the required information will not be processed.

When scheduling a bulk waste pick-up, Wake Forest residents are urged to follow the Town's bulk waste guidelines. Defined in the Town of Wake Forest Code of Ordinances as "refuse weighing in excess of 75 pounds each," bulk waste includes any item that does not fit in the Town-issued roll-out garbage cart. Examples of bulk waste pick-up items include furniture, lawn mowers, swings, and bookshelves. For more information, visit [wakeforestnc.gov](http://wakeforestnc.gov) and search "Bulk pickup."

Trash, recycling and yard waste collection are suspended May 25 for Memorial Day but will resume May 26.

### Wake Forest Bus Service

Wake Forest Loop B will resume normal operations on Tuesday, May 26, after being suspended since March 30 due to COVID-19. Wake Forest-Raleigh Express service remains suspended until further notice.

Operated using GoRaleigh vehicles, Wake Forest Loops A and B offer fare-free service for residents traveling within Wake Forest and a portion of Wakefield. Riders are asked to board the GoRaleigh buses using the rear doors in an effort to promote greater social distancing. Front door access will be available for persons with disabilities. Per CDC guidelines, if you are sick, please stay at home and only travel if it is absolutely necessary. Please cover your mouth and nose when you cough and sneeze, wash your hands frequently with soap and water, avoid touching your face, and keep distance between yourself and others. These practices can help limit

the impact of COVID-19 on our community. For more information, call 919-485-RIDE (7433).

### Event Updates

Mass gathering limits in Phase 2 will be no more than 10 people indoors or 25 people outdoors in most circumstances. As a result, National Trails Day, originally scheduled for Saturday, June 6, has been postponed until a later date. All other Town-sponsored events in June have been canceled.

In addition, due to the mass gathering limits, the Town has canceled its traditional July 3 Fireworks Spectacular. However, instead of the conventional in-person celebration, officials plan to put on an aerial fireworks display that residents can watch in a variety of ways, including (but not necessarily limited to) Facebook Live and WFTV 10. Plans are still being developed, so specific details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Wake Forest's July 4 festivities, including the annual Children's Parade and Art-in-the-Park, have also been canceled. Planning was well underway for these events before the COVID-19 pandemic was declared. The Town of Wake Forest would like to recognize the Wake Forest Optimist Club and the Wake Forest Woman's Club for pledging their support for these events.

For complete information about Town services during the COVID-19 pandemic, visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/covid-19-coronavirus](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/covid-19-coronavirus).

### What's included in Safer At Home Phase 2?

Phase 2 lifts the Stay At Home order moving into a Safer At Home recommendation, especially for people over age 65 or at high risk for serious illness. Teleworking is also urged when possible.

Mass gathering limits in Phase 2 will be no more than 10 people indoors or 25 people outdoors in most circumstances. These limits apply to the following: event venues; conference centers; stadiums and sports arenas; amphitheaters; and groups at parks or beaches.

Some businesses will remain closed in Phase 2 including: bars; night clubs; gyms and indoor fitness facilities; indoor entertainment venues such as movie theaters, and bowling alleys.

Certain businesses will be open at limited capacity with other requirements and recommendations including: restaurants at 50% dine-in capacity with distancing and cleaning requirements; personal care businesses, including salons and barbers, at 50% capacity with distancing and cleaning requirements; pools at 50% capacity with distancing and cleaning requirements.

Employees of personal care businesses will be required to wear face coverings.

Childcare facilities, day camps and overnight camps will be open with enhanced cleaning and screening requirements. Retail businesses allowed to open in Phase 1 at 50% capacity will continue at that level.

Public health recommendations are provided for worship services to practice enhanced social distancing and other cleaning and hygiene practices.

Again, the Safer At Home Phase 2 runs through at least Friday, June 26.



Wake Forest Police Department has added new personnel to their ranks, from left, Officer Lautner, Officer Moody, and Officer Martin. PHOTO | CONTRIBUTED

# Wake Forest Loop B bus route resumes

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After more than 10 years of operating with one bus five-days-a-week, the Wake Forest Loop (WFL) in January added a second bus to run a reverse route and introduced Saturday service. Now operating six days-a-week, the WFL enables riders to travel both clockwise and counter-clockwise along the existing route effectively cutting wait times in half from 60 to 30 minutes. The local service remains free of charge.

These changes, coupled with enhancements introduced in October 2019, have made public transportation more accessible to larger numbers of residents.

In mid-October the WFL began offering an early/late extension along North Main Street and a mid-day extension into Heritage. At 6:32 a.m., 7:32 a.m., 8:32 a.m. and 9:32 a.m., the WFL departs Wake Forest Crossing, 12536 Capital Blvd., and makes stops at the intersections of North Main Street/East Oak Avenue and North Wingate Street/West Oak Avenue before proceeding to the CVS Pharmacy stop at the intersection of North White Street/Roosevelt Avenue. The late extension repeats the sequence hourly from 4:32 p.m. to 7:32 p.m.

The mid-day extension into Heritage is offered hourly from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. At the top of each hour, the WFL departs downtown Wake Forest and travels to a bus stop at the intersection of Heritage Branch Road/Branch Ferry Court before proceeding to the stop at Wakefield Commons, 14600 New Falls of Neuse Road.

For complete information about Wake Forest Bus Service, including route schedules, maps, brochures and holiday schedules, visit [www.wakeforestnc.gov/transportation/bus-service](http://www.wakeforestnc.gov/transportation/bus-service) or contact Planning Director Courtney Tanner at 919-435-9510 or [ctanner@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:ctanner@wakeforestnc.gov).

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# Wake Forest town hall has reopened



Wake Forest Police Department has added new PHOTO | CONTRIBUTED

## FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

The Wake Forest Town Hall will re-open to the public Wednesday, March 27, with adjusted hours, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

"I am pleased that we are beginning to open up but encourage everyone to continue social distancing, wearing masks and following other recommendations to keep our neighbors safe," Mayor Vivian Jones said Tuesday.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

### Wake Forest man arrested for larceny of vehicle

A Wake Forest man was arrested for stealing a vehicle on Monday, March 25.

Triston Xander Busam of 248 Mockingbird Lane, Wake Forest, was charged with breaking and entering, larceny after breaking/entering and larceny of motor vehicle.

Busam was given a \$15,000 secured bond and held in the Wake County Jail.

The following are arrests made by the Wake Forest Police Department from May 20-28, 2020:

#### March 19

■ Margaret Louise Atamanchuk, 33, Lynn Point Lane, Raleigh: driving while impaired; released without bond.

■ Estefania Young, 28, North Hills Drive, Raleigh: felony larceny and obtaining property by false pretense; \$6,000 secured bond.

#### March 20

■ Isiah Shalom Caudle, 24, Long Fellow Street, Fuquay-Varina: unauthorized use of motor vehicle; \$1,000 secured bond.

#### March 21

■ Huriel Matilde-Villanue, 39, Old Wake Forest Road, Raleigh: driving while impaired; bond unavailable.

■ Amber McLemore Speer, 30, Rolling Brooks, Wake Forest: driving while impaired; released without bond.

#### March 22

■ Domonique Lamont Davis, 28, West Grove Street, Raleigh: felony possession of cocaine, possession with intent to sell or deliver marijuana and felony possession of a Schedule IV controlled substance; \$9,000 secured bond.

#### March 23

■ Cheaquita Lucrezia Forte, 36, Walnut

Avenue, Wake Forest: failure to give information or aid in personal injury and assault with a deadly weapon; no bond.

#### March 24

■ Angela Donyell Montague, 43, of Buffalo Road, Raleigh: driving while impaired and driving with license revoked for impaired driving; \$1,000 secured bond.

#### March 25

■ Amanda Marie Keehn, 40, 305 Dahlia Pl, C, Cary: driving while impaired - level 5; \$1,000 unsecured bond.

■ Stephon Demarir Jones, 25, 512 N. Allen Road, Wake Forest: two charges of possession of stolen goods; \$5,000 secured bond.

■ Adele Hawkins, 39, 112 Black Ridge St., Morrisville, driving while impaired, open container after consuming alcohol, reckless driving to endanger; no bond information.

■ Trey Gary Stewart, 27, 3000 Charles Forest Rd, 14, Wake Forest, possession of cocaine-felony, possession drug paraphernalia, \$5,000 secured bond.

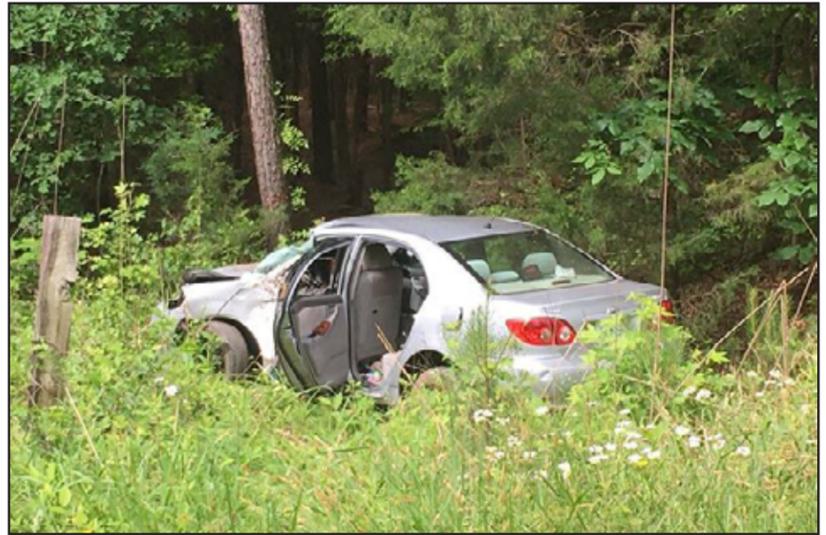
#### March 27

■ Michael David Botellio, 28, 101 Beechwood Dr, Youngsville, simple possession cocaine, simple possession schedule VI controlled substance, possession drug paraphernalia, \$3,000 secured bond.

■ Alexis Monique Hardnett, 24, 109 Little Ponderosa Rd., Macon, Possession schedule I controlled substance, \$1,000 secured bond.

#### March 28

■ Dustin Tyler Grissom, 26, 4101 Culbreth Rd., Stem, possession schedule Vi controlled substance-misdemeanor, failure to appear-misdemeanor, failure to appear on felony, \$1,500 secured bond.



A single vehicle accident breaks an utility pole and causes power outages on Tuesday, March 27. PHOTO | WFPD

### Accident causes power outage

#### FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

A vehicle veered off the road before striking and breaking a utility pole. The accident happened just before 9:45 p.m., Wednesday, March 26.

The accident caused a portion of Jones

Dairy Road from Chalk road to Friendship Chapel Road to be closed and power outages in the immediate area.

Crews restored power in a few hours.

The driver and a passenger were transported to a local hospital. Their conditions are unknown.

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# WSJ OPINION

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## EDITORIAL

### COVID-19 changes look of hurricanes

With Tropical Storm Bertha churning into a Charleston landfall, North Carolina is getting ready for what forecasters predict to be a busy season of hurricanes.

Right smack in the middle of COVID-19, residents of North Carolina have particular concern never considered.

As North Carolinians, we have hurricane preparation taken to memory as much as the opening theme song to the Andy Griffith Show. Still, this season could prove different. The season, which begins June 1 and ends Nov. 30, will bring some different emergency services operations to accommodate the restrictions and concerns raised by COVID-19.

Forecasters from N.C. State University, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Colorado State University have each predicted up to 22 named storms this season in the Atlantic Basin. Of those storms, eight to 11 are predicted to become hurricanes with three to four becoming Category 3 or stronger.

The Gulf of Mexico is expected to see increased activity, with six to 10 named storms expected in that area, based on information from NCSU.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reports that climate change — global warming — continues to be top reason for hurricane intensities. We know hurricanes feed off of the balmy Atlantic, and warmer waters mean stronger storms.

One of the most concerning aspects of a major hurricane in light of the Coronavirus is evacuation from homes into shelters.

Moving the vulnerable populations of COVID-19 presents definite challenges that some communities along the Atlantic coastline are already considering. Some are cleaning empty schools now to use as shelters for different populations, including those who may be actively infected or showing symptoms.

They are also preparing supplies, such as facemasks and sanitizers in abundance, and designating them for any hurricane situations. More cots, for example, would need to be available for social distancing.

It's never too much to review for needs to prepare for a hurricane — even in North Carolina, so here we go:

- Stock up with non-perishable food items, water, batteries and flashlights, among other supplies.
- If you can toilet paper now — and many places are now well stocked — go ahead and get a extra for hurricane prep.
- Know your evacuation route.
- Know where local shelters are going to be.
- Inventory personal property if you have not already done so. Review homeowners' policies and vehicle policies.

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# LIVES MATTER

*Jay Lamm*

## THE BACK FORTY

### Horses' mouths come in handy

I often used to joke at my old newspaper that when we needed some information, we should go to the ticker for it. The ticker was a device used by papers that was a continuous feed of news as reported by the Associated Press, Reuters, or other wire agencies. Not only do small newspapers not have access to that at all (it's done by subscription), but the data has to be generated by wire reporters first, and for breaking news, no one has done it yet.

When I see criticism of online reporting on news outlets, it often seems that folks don't get that someone has to do the footwork, make the calls, conduct interviews, double-check sources, and so on — and if the first reports come from somewhere other than the wire agencies, then any other news outlet that wants that story has to repeat all of that newsgathering themselves.

At my old job, therefore, when I was trying to track down a story, or some fact or other, it was always a delight when dealing with public officials or private entities who didn't feel it was their job to resist, de-

lay and obstruct our efforts as much as possible, which many did, including those in law enforcement, who by law are required to reveal what they've got going on. At other times, they're plenty helpful, but don't have the data you need and don't know who you should call to get it. That's one reason so many reporters do an end-run around officials and dig up published reports for the facts they need, at least as a start. I've written whole stories about the state of Wake and Franklin county bridges from a database some interested citizen made online from federal reports — information that I would have had to drag out of local and state officials piece by piece.

Let's you think it's always trouble, it's not. Many people take their jobs as information sharers very seriously, and do so with a smile. Ann Ayers was one — she was a Wake Forest town planner who was extremely helpful to me, even when it was a co-worker's project I needed info on. Planner Charlie Yokley was also one of my go-to guys. (In a growing suburb, where nearly every subject is about

new development, you get to know your planning office pretty well.) Dana Pernell, a PIO with the Highway Patrol in Henderson was above and beyond helpful when I had to write about car wrecks in that district (mostly Franklin County). I had a very good working relationship with former Wake Forest Public Works Director Mike Barton, whom I could rely on to answer his cellphone during and after a storm to tell me about power outages, etc., in enough detail to be able to convey those details to the public. We'd often turn right around and put out a Tweet to let folks know exactly where not to drive, or to reassure them someone was working on the problem. Those are just a few of the good examples. There are many, many more.

But a reporter can have a good relationship with such a person for years and then they retire or move on to another job and you end up with someone who doesn't know diddly, or doesn't care. I had a Louisburg cop once tell me a story I'd written about an armed assault was all wrong, and when I told him I got all my informa-



DAVID LEONE

tion from his supervisor at the department, he smirked, as if to say, "Yeah, that's the problem."

I'm going to make a list of as many online sources of information — published reports and so on — as I can, and share them in an upcoming column. Some links I've got left over from my reporting days, others I'll have to find. Most are collated for public agencies, but some are for other purposes. Because that data isn't uploaded for journalists, or not just for journalists. It's done for the people. But it's worthless if you don't know it's there.

— David Leone is a writer, photographer and raconteur who has worked in Wake Forest since 2007 and lived there since 2012.

## END OF STORY

### Let's not turn South White Street into South Wasted Street

Good morning. Alcohol is coming to the sidewalks of downtown Wake Forest.

People think it will bring more business to the downtown area. I think it will just give people who already come an option to sit outside.

xxxxx of Unwined, a downtown yoga and wine shop that also serves beer, has already cordoned off her space for sidewalk tables.

She said she was only going to put them out front of her windows

so she can monitor the customers sitting outside.

That sounds responsible to me, and I wish Unwined all the success it desires.

If all businesses take the approach of Unwined, maybe alcohol on the sidewalk will be OK.

I still do have concerns. Over the last few days I have noticed other things making their way onto the sidewalks of downtown Wake Forest — bicycles and dog poop.

The reason I bring these two things up in association with side-

walk alcohol is this— there is an ordinance against riding bicycles on the sidewalks of Wake Forest. However, lately I have seen this become more common. I've even seen a family of cyclists ride the sidewalk past three Wake Forest police officers sitting on a bench drinking coffee. The three said nothing. One did wave at the cyclists. The other two smiled.

It's not uncommon to see someone walking a dog down South White Street. Most come and go, not leaving a sign they were there.

The other day, one left a memento on the sidewalk. A rather large memento. It stayed there for about 24 hours. It was tracked all up and down the sidewalk. The business owner, whose sidewalk was presented with the gift, did nothing about removing it. Someone else took the time to clean up the sidewalk in front of another's business.

These two brief stories I told you actually are helping me make a more important point.

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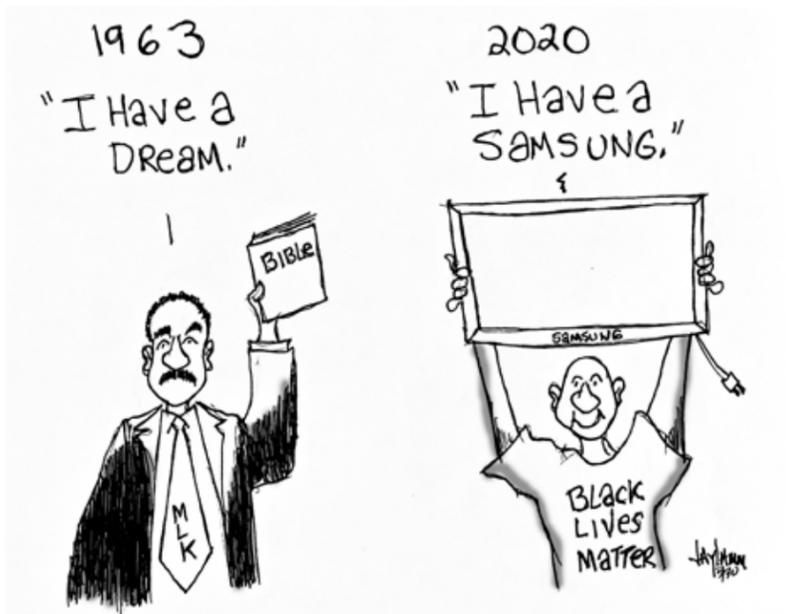
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# White privilege, racism... are you sure about that?

BY KATHY HARRELSON

My Mom and Dad taught me to be respectful to all people. My Mom and Dad taught me not to hurt people, even if they hurt you. They taught forgiveness. My Mom and Dad said some people won't be nice, but that's not you. They said I am responsible for my life – my choices, my life path, my work, my education, my family, my security. Some people will help; some won't, and some will pretend to help. My Mom and Dad told me to ask myself at the end of the day: "Did you do your best in all things in the image of God?" They said my answer would always be no. They said I could always do better and I should try the next day – even harder. Family is first – pick friends carefully and wisely, there will be few. My Mom and Dad said not to mess up other people's property, to value all things in nature and what was important to anybody, not just to me. They taught respect for others, different ideas and different perspectives – all the while I should hold my philosophy significant but not absolute. Don't be resentful — it is what it is. Don't like it, change it. My Mom and Dad taught me to value my opinion and

when and when not to give it. I was taught to hold my tongue by the whip of an apple tree switch and a high-handed belt. I was taught when to let it go. That's a hard one. My Mom and Dad taught me history – not to live in the past but to understand where I am in the day and where I wanna go. So, I understand – to the best of my ability and experience — hatred, cruelty, disrespect, violence, evil, prejudice, greed, lust for power, deception and corruption. I refuse to accept any of those as the right way to live and to be. I refuse to allow violence or any of those to occur when I can speak out against them. I desire to expose them, in fact. I'm an American girl with American pride. I am grateful, typically God-fearing and God praising, and I have faith that these days will get better. I am not privileged. I am not white privileged. I am self made, molded by good, decent people who had troubles and flaws as we all do. I could tell you my stories, but it makes no difference in the context of what I am telling you now. I reject racism but am not naive enough to think it does not exist and has never been present in my mind.

I get it. Don't think I don't get it. I understand deep emotional pain, rejection, fear and confusion – I suspect the origin of it is irrelevant to be able to empathize with anyone who is hurting. I have and have had hurt. It is not an exclusivity to any minority. I choose to embrace peace, courage and love and to show it. I choose to throw out and condemn anything that gets in the way of what is real and good on this day and for the future for all folks on this itty-bitty speck of the universe in the half-breath of time we are here. Don't try to convince me that evil can be good based on life's unfairness and faults of human nature. Don't justify doing evil against others by saying evil has come to you. I will tend to laugh at that. I hear the voices from those speaking over the weekend in protest of the killing of George Floyd. Strip away the politics and the propaganda and the pity for things that are over and done, and I will speak louder than anyone over that injustice. It was wrong, horrific, but it's not worth all this hate. Nothing is. I hope we move forward to embrace love and all that implies before the opportunity is not an option for any single one of us any more.

## WCPE, 89.7, expands reach and staff, updates website

By LAURI ARNSTEN  
For The WSJ

What? You didn't know a station of that magnitude was basically in your back yard? It's true. A classical music broadcasting station right here in Wake Forest has the ability to reach listeners worldwide. It'll soothe your soul like no other station around, and there is always someone here at the station 24/7 to answer any questions you may have. Live radio professionals are just a phone call away. The Classical Station, locally known as WCPE 89.7FM, is very proud of its growth and announces a new website and readily accessible smartphone app that now offers free classical music anytime, anywhere. The revised site allows users a more streamlined online visit and the ability to listen to live classical music broadcasting 24-hours per day. The app for mobile devices allows the same live on air streaming as well as conversations with composers, conductors and performers anywhere at any time. The music, like The Classical Station itself, is intended to project a sense of calm and tranquility. Music Apps and even the worldwide web wasn't part of the vision back when WCPE originally started more than 40 years ago with a 12,500 watt transmitter. Having grown today to over 1,200 feet and 100,000 watts, the broadcasting tower now stands at 1928 Chalk Road in northern Wake County. It broadcasts its signal to three partnering stations and more than 20 satellite stations throughout the nation. Recognized worldwide as The Classical Station, it offers a wide variety of classical music, performers, and composers throughout the day. Their mission is to make great classical music available to everyone, both near and far.

In 2011, WCPE began its Education Fund to provide musical education via direct instruction or education-based performances. Through the donation of gently used instruments, grants and private funding, the station has awarded funds to more than 20 diverse nonprofit organizations to assist with their programming. The station realizes the young people are very important as they are the future. Education is an area in which they expect their programming to grow. Technology and trends have also prompted growth over the last couple years. Podcasts, which often lend a lighter note to the educational component, will become more numerous and consistent. Cadenza is a half hour recording that covers a variety of topics while, another podcast, Preview is a more engaging topic consisting of a series of four recordings lasting eight minutes each. Listen as an ensemble cast have conversations with composers or take a journey to find the origins of a locally discovered Beethoven manuscript. You could learn how our morning cartoons use classical music. In fact, classical music is often scripted very tightly in our lives and we hardly notice it. Through video and advertising, it invokes strong reactions, but we rarely even acknowledge it as classical music. In television and film, the ominous musical scores and euphonious tones behind the scenes prompt our senses. Our instincts kick in and the music, along with the visuals, guide our reactions and emotions leaving us to ponder...or not. Deborah Proctor, general manager, acknowledges that we must make changes as we strive to attain a National and Global listenership. With the growing community and typical nonprofit business challenges, additional staff has been brought in to offer fresh perspective to inspire growth within the mission and expand the community of classical music. As always, the new staff supports and



WCPE is a classical music broadcasting station based in Wake Forest. PHOTO | CONTRIBUTED

brings a breadth of knowledge in the arts, small business and a variety of media backgrounds. The Classical Station looks forward to reaching beyond the current network to engage a broader grid of listener support. People of all ages will be interested in participating in future planned events and opportunities for enlightenment. "The Classical Station understands that not everyone lists classical music as their first choice for daily listening," said Lauri Arnsten, outreach coordinator. "We look forward to engaging our long-time supporters as well as those who may not be familiar with the music. This is a time of change for all of us." For more information and to listen at any time, please visit [www.TheClassicalStation.org](http://www.TheClassicalStation.org)

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If the Wake Forest police ignore the breaking of a law, or not even make an effort to talk to the law-breaking cyclists, what are they going to do when a staggering, disoriented bar patron passes them by? Wave and take another sip of coffee? And to the business owner who didn't feel the need to clean up the poop in front of his establishment, leaving it to be tracked down the street, possibly into other busi-

nesses — can we be sure the napkins wrapped around beer cans or cups, or cigarette butts will be cleaned up? Or will some other business have to do it to keep the street clean? If they don't act on these other obvious issues, how can you trust them to act when the downtown sidewalks become popular to irresponsible patrons. I hope good business sense and responsibility prevail in this new sidewalk alcohol zone. Let's not turn South White Street into South Wasted Street.

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# Safer-At-Home Phase 2: What's Included?

## FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

Gov. Roy Cooper has entered the state into a modified Phase 2, lifting the initial stay-at-home order and moving into a safer-at-home recommendation, especially for people at high risk for serious illness.

Teleworking is urged when possible. Here's what the new Phase 2 looks like:

Mass gathering limits in Phase 2 will be no more than 10 people indoors or 25 people outdoors in

**GOV. ROY COOPER**

most circumstances. These limits apply to the following: event venues; conference centers; stadiums and sports arenas; amphitheaters; and groups at parks or beaches.

Some businesses will remain closed in Phase 2 including: bars; night clubs; gyms and indoor fitness facilities; indoor entertainment venues such as movie theaters, and bowling alleys.

Certain businesses will be open at limited capacity with other requirements and recommendations including: restaurants at 50 percent dine-in capacity with distancing and cleaning requirements; personal care businesses, including salons and barbers, at 50 percent capacity

with distancing and cleaning requirements; pools at 50 percent capacity with distancing and cleaning requirements. Employees of personal care businesses will be required to wear face coverings.

Childcare facilities, day camps and overnight camps will be open with enhanced cleaning and screening requirements. Retail businesses allowed to open in Phase 1 at 50 percent capacity will continue at that level.

Public health recommendations are provided for worship services to practice enhanced social distancing and other cleaning and hygiene practices.

# Taste rooms, taprooms OK to open under clarification

## FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

Gov. Roy Cooper's office issued a clarification on the new modified Phase 2 late Friday that allows breweries, wineries and liquor producers to operate — but if they have bars, the bars can't open.

This is on the heels of Wednesday's announcement by Cooper that the state was going to move from Phase 1 restrictions due to the Coronavirus to Phase 2, although Phase 2 had been modified from previous plans.

Several business types that were originally expected to be included in Phase 2 reopening — including bars and gyms — are still prohibited from opening by Executive Order 141 for the duration of Phase 2. Phase 2 will last four to six weeks (or until mid to late June), beginning today (May 22).

There was push-back from the North Carolina Craft Breweries Guild (NCCBG), which pressured Cooper's office to consider that that taproom/tasting rooms of breweries did not meet the same definition as bars.

In response, Cooper's office added guidance stating that businesses "principally engaged in the business of selling alcoholic beverages for onsite consumption" were not considered bars and could thus open.

Basically, this guidance means businesses that produce cider, beer, wine, or liquor can open their on-site tasting rooms and taprooms, regardless of whether or not they serve food.

The guidance directs any such business that opens to follow the same sanitization and safety requirements that restaurants must follow under Phase 2, including a 50 percent occupancy limit and cleaning procedures.

"If any customers consume food and/or beverages on-premises at the commercial winery, brewery, or distillery, the Emergency Maximum Occupancy

requirements, Core Screening, Signage, and Sanitation requirements, and other regulations for restaurants under Section 6(C)(2)

of Executive Order No. 141 apply. Therefore, any customers consum-

ing food or beverages on-premises must be in seated groups that are

spaced at least six feet apart, and customers or guests will be lim-

ited to 50 percent fire capacity," according to the Governor's Office.

## Staying Ahead of the Curve

	Stay At Home	Modified Stay At Home (Phase 1)	Safer At Home (Phase 2)
<b>Commercial Activity</b>	Leave home only for essential purposes	More businesses open	More businesses open
<b>Stay at Home Order</b>	In place	In place, modified to allow more activities	Lifted, high-risk people encouraged to stay home
<b>Retail</b>	Essential only, 20% capacity	50% Capacity	50% Capacity
<b>Gatherings</b>	10-person limit	10-person limit, outdoor gatherings allowed	10-person limit indoors 25-person limit outdoors
<b>Child Care</b>	Child care centers open for essential workers only	Open/limited	Open/limited
<b>Teleworking</b>	Encouraged	Encouraged	Encouraged
<b>Bars</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Restaurants</b>	Takeout/delivery only	Takeout/delivery only	50% Capacity
<b>Barbers, Salons and Personal Care</b>	Closed	Closed	50% Capacity
<b>Theaters, Music Venues and Bowling Alleys</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Parks and Trails</b>	Local Discretion	Open/limited	Open/limited
<b>Face Coverings</b>	Encouraged	Encouraged	Encouraged
<b>Day Camps</b>	Closed	Open/limited	Open/limited
<b>Overnight Camps</b>	Closed	Closed	Open/limited
<b>Large Venues, Arenas and Stadiums</b>	Closed	Open but no spectators	Open but with restrictions
<b>K-12 Schools</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Gyms</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Playgrounds</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Pools</b>	Closed	Closed	50% Capacity
<b>Long-term Care Center Visitation</b>	Closed	Closed	Closed

Guidance on the requirements and recommendations for each phase is available online at [covid19.ncdhhs.gov/guidance](https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/guidance).

● Open/limited   
 ● Encouraged   
 ◐ 50% Capacity   
 ● Open but with additional restrictions   
 ● Closed



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# House and Senate vote to reopen bars

## Cooper says it's too soon

FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

The North Carolina House followed in the steps of the Senate today (May 28) and voted to reopen bars in the state at 50 percent capacity.

The state Senate voted overwhelmingly Thursday to let bars serve customers outdoors, despite Gov. Roy Cooper's recent executive order to keep them closed due to COVID-19.

The state House joined with the Senate and approved legislation to allow "safe" outdoor seating for dining and beverage service in North Carolina at half of each bar's total maximum occupancy.

Cooper has said his decision to keep bars closed until at least late June is based on data and science.

Republicans and some business owners have questioned his orders, calling them uneven and devastating to the state economy. But most Senate Democrats joined GOP counterparts in sending the measure to the House.

House Bill 536 Temp Outdoor Restaurants for Outdoor Seating allows bars to operate at 50 percent of total capacity.

The bill now goes to Cooper, who responded to the legislation during a press conference Thursday afternoon.

"We're six days into Phase 2 and on a day when we're seeing some of our highest numbers of hospitalizations and death, the Senate wants to open bars," Cooper said. "These decisions are difficult, but they are made with daily briefings from doctors and healthcare experts."



Patrons enjoy themselves at Tonic, located on South White Street, Wake Forest. Bill Opal, owner, has a second location in Louisburg..WSJPHOTO | JAY LAMM

State health officials say the number of positive virus cases has exceeded 25,000.

On Thursday, North Carolina continued to see hospitalizations due to COVID-19 rise again, according to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

There are 708 people currently hospitalized, which is the

highest number reported yet by the state.

"I know that it is a tough time for business, and I believe that there will be a time when we can open bars, but that time is not now and I hope that the House will look at this carefully and senators will reconsider their choice about this," Cooper said.



The Wake Forest board of commissioners will resume in-person meetings on June 2. PHOTO | CONTRIBUTED

## Board of Commissioners work session & Planning Board meeting open to on-site visitors, June 2

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The Wake Forest Board of Commissioners (BOC) and Planning Board will resume in-person meetings on Tuesday, June 2, with limited seating available to the public. Both the 5:30 p.m. BOC work session and 7:30 p.m. Planning Board meeting will take place in the Town Hall Board Chambers, 301 S. Brooks St.

For the past several weeks, the BOC and Planning Board have conducted virtual meetings that allowed residents to participate online and via telephone but not in-person. While Tuesday's meetings will be open to a limited number of on-site visitors, residents may also continue to participate via Zoom from the comfort of their homes. Doing so will help to balance public health concerns and social distancing guidelines with the importance of public

input. Although the virtual option is strongly encouraged in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19, a limited number of seats will be available in the board chambers for residents wishing to attend the BOC work session in-person.

A limited number of seats will be available in the board chambers for residents wishing to attend and listen to the Planning Board meeting; and anyone who wishes to speak during the public hearing may participate via Zoom.

Several additional measures will be in place to help protect the safety and well-being of meeting

participants and attendees. All attendees will be required to follow social distancing guidelines and provide contact information should the need arise for contact tracing. In addition, attendees are strongly encouraged to wear a mask or face covering.

The agendas for the June 2 BOC work session and Planning Board meeting are available online at <https://bit.ly/TOW-FPublicMeetingPortal>, along with instructions on how to view the meeting and participate online and via telephone.

For more information, contact Town Clerk Deeda Harris at [dharris@wakeforestnc.gov](mailto:dharris@wakeforestnc.gov).



## Legalities could keep some of RNC in NC

FROM WSJ STAFF REPORTS

A day after President Trump said the Republican National Convention would be looking for another host city, legalities have surfaced.

Charlotte's city attorney said Wednesday the city is still "moving forward as if the convention will be in Charlotte."

"We do need to clarify the intentions of the RNC in terms of exactly what they plan on doing here in Charlotte," City Attorney Patrick Baker told reporters. "Right now, as of this very moment, all the parties are moving forward as if the RNC will be in Charlotte. What the convention actually looks like could change, but we're moving forward."

Baker said he's talking to GOP and convention officials Thursday. "We need to hear from the RNC in very plain terms what their expectations are as it relates to fulfilling their obligations under the contract," he said.

Trump tweeted Tuesday night that because Gov. Roy Cooper can't guarantee full attendance at Charlotte's Spectrum Center, "we are now forced to seek another State to host the 2020 Republican National Convention."

The four-day event is scheduled to start Aug. 24.

Cooper cited concerns about the Coronavirus. He could not guarantee a capacity arena.

In a conference call Wednesday, the Republican National Committee's executive committee voted to continue talks

with Charlotte even while looking at other cities.

"The RNC's Executive Committee has voted unanimously to allow the official business of the national convention to continue in Charlotte," said RNC Communications Director Michael Ahrens. "Many other cities are eager to host the president's acceptance of the nomination, and we are currently in talks with several of them to host that celebration."

Leaders are considering Nashville, New Orleans, Jacksonville, Orlando, Dallas and Phoenix.

In a statement shortly after the president's Tuesday night tweets, GOP Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel said Charlotte would continue to host the "official business of the convention."

"There are various obligations of the parties," Baker said Wednesday, "and as the City of Charlotte, we have met all of our obligations. But ultimately . . . there is the expectation that each party will continue to perform as scheduled under the contract. We're now at June 3. This is high-gear season for the convention. That's why it's important to understand exactly what the communications that came out yesterday mean going forward."

He said the city already has spent \$14 million, to be reimbursed by a federal security grant.

The convention was expected to bring 50,000 people to the city and generate more than \$150 million in economic benefits.



Kevin Jones protests alone at the intersection of Front and Roosevelt streets in Wake Forest. Jones said most were supportive of his message. **WSJPHOTO | JAY LAMM**

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"I just want people to acknowledge the sadness and the fear that I feel over the death of Floyd and all the deaths of blacks at the hands of law enforcement," he said. Jones, 26, a Wake Forest native, lives in Southern Granville County with his parents and sister. He said he has received mostly positive reactions from the people who drive by. Bottles of water sat on the brick wall near

the sidewalk where Jones had been standing for four hours. "I started out at the round-about but moved to the intersection so I could be seen by more people. People have given me bottles of water to help me beat the heat," he said. Jones said most honked their car horns, waved or gave a thumbs-up. A couple may have given him the "finger," but Jones said

the sun was too bright for him to be sure. Some yelled out all lives matter, not just black lives, he said. Jones said none of the negativity bothered him. He came to protest in his "Big Boy" pants, he said. Jones said he had not been approached by any town officials or law enforcement. A couple of onlookers took pity on Jones' handmade sign, which was illegible from a

short distance. They brought him markers to make it bold and readable from the road. "I just want the momentum of this movement to continue until the election so we can vote out certain politicians and get ones that will help fix our racism problem," he said. Jones was going to stay as long as he could stand the heat. "I want to get my message out — peacefully."

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from coming downtown. I have heard several families say they enjoyed the first series of Friday Nights on White. They no longer attend because of the 'fraternity' atmosphere."

Dyer said he is by no means anti-alcohol. "My preference," he said, "is not on the streets of Wake Forest."

Sary declined to comment. Commissioner Liz Simperts said the new ordinance allows people the option to responsibly enjoy an adult beverage while dining outdoors. "Outdoor dining brings more visitors to downtown and allows them to spend more time and money here in Wake Forest," she said "I believe this ordinance will be good not only for our local restaurants, giving them more seating options, but I also believe it will be good for our local retailers as well. It is important that we take every opportunity to promote spending our money locally and supporting small business."

The board, last month, approved a complimentary ordinance of outdoor seating areas, including sidewalks, as an accessory use for a restaurant, bar/tavern or other uses where food or beverages are served for consumption. The previous town ordinance did not allow for alcohol to be served on public sidewalks nor allow for displays of merchandise on the sidewalks.

Mayor Vivian Jones said the new ordinance "gives our downtown restaurants the opportunity to serve food and beverages in outside seating areas."

"Due to a requirement that pedestrian access must be maintained, there are limited places where this is possible. Still, it's an amenity many diners enjoy (drinking alcoholic beverages), and I believe it will add to the ambiance of our charming downtown," Jones said. Commissioner Adam Wright said he is happy to support the vote.

"This is something that not only were some of our downtown merchants asking for but many of the residents as well," he said.

One such businessman, Bob Johnson, said he supports the decision, noting it has been occurring for years anyway.

"The town and small business owners should be working together to retain and start new businesses by not expanding but reducing regulations to lower the hurdle to open and succeed," he said. "More successful businesses increase resources generated in fees, property taxes to offset the losses for town due to closing of business by state."

In this day of COVID-19, the ordinance is accommodating to businesses downtown, he added.

"The allowance of outside spaces for services already been offered inside expands the 'allowable safe distancing' service areas to offset the loss of space due to the Covid-19 restrictions. Especially now ... the downtown merchants need to be allowed to compete and return to business."

The following restrictions relative to the changes apply:

- Music volume can't exceed what is necessary for the convenient hearing of persons within the outdoor seating area. The music is not to disturb the peace, quiet, or comfort of adjoining properties or businesses.

- Hours of operation of the outdoor seating area would be the same as those for the establishment.

- Food preparation must occur within the enclosed principal building.

- The outdoor seating area can't obstruct the movement of pedestrians along sidewalks or through areas intended for public use.

- No tables, chairs, umbrellas, or other furnishings or equipment associated with the outdoor seating can be attached, chained, or affixed to any curb, sidewalk, tree, post, sign, or other fixture within the outdoor seating area.

- The outdoor seating area shall be limited to that part of the sidewalk directly in front of the property containing the eating or drinking establishment unless the owner of adjoining property or business agrees in writing to an extension of the outdoor seating area to that part of the sidewalk in front of the adjoining property or business.

- A clear pathway at least five feet wide must be maintained to allow through public pedestrian traffic along the sidewalk and from the sidewalk into the entrance to the establishment. A greater width may be required where necessary to ensure the safe and convenient flow of pedestrian traffic.

- A clear separation of at least 5 feet will be maintained from any alley, crosswalk, fire hydrant, or similar public or emergency access feature in or near the sidewalk. A greater clear distance may be required where necessary to ensure use of the public or emergency access feature.

- No objects shall be placed along the perimeter of the outdoor sidewalk seating area that would have the effect of forming a physical or visual barrier discouraging the use of the sidewalk by the general public.

- Tables, chairs, umbrellas, and other furnishings associated with the outdoor seating area are to be of sufficient quality design, materials, and workmanship to ensure the safety and convenience of area occupants and compatibility with adjacent uses.

The outdoor seating area may be permitted on a public sidewalk abutting or adjacent to the front of the property containing the principal establishment also subject to the following requirements:

- A Right-of-Way Encroachment Agreement must be obtained from Town of Wake Forest or NCDOT.

- The town can suspend authorization of the outdoor seating use, and to remove or relocate or order the removal or relocation of any sidewalk seating facilities, at the owner's expense, as necessary to accommodate repair work being done to the sidewalk or other areas within the right-of-way containing or near the outdoor seating area.

- The town can remove or relocate or order the removal or relocation of any sidewalk seating facilities, at the operator's expense, if the operator fails to comply with a Town order to do so within a reasonable time period.

- The town can, during a public event held within the right-of-way, to temporarily remove or relocate or order

the temporary removal or relocation of any sidewalk seating facilities, at the operator's expense, if the operator fails to comply with a Town order to do so within a reasonable time period.

- In the downtown area, known as the Renaissance Area, all furniture must be of similar color and material with the existing street furnishings. Under no circumstances shall plastic tables or chairs, vinyl umbrellas, and/or plastic barriers be permitted.

Businesses should contact the town for more information and proper permitting.

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drowned out by the noise of riots," Cooper said Sunday during a press briefing.

"We must stop this destruction," he said. "But I want to remind everyone of something vitally important: We cannot focus so much on property damage that we forget why people

are in the streets in the first place."

"Black lives do matter," he said. "The governor said Floyd's death 'broke open painful wounds' and that racism, white supremacy and the litany of inequalities that stem from them are very real. He said scars 'mark generations of trauma that black people and other communities of color continue to suffer.'"

"We have to have these hard conversations, then move beyond them to do the work of fighting racism, building safe, thriving communities for everyone," Cooper said.

The governor said he wants to give people "room and space and time" to make their points in protest. He encouraged local leaders to meet with protesters.